

St. John Parish

VOCATION VIEWS: “To whom shall we go...We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God?” Do you hear Jesus calling you to make his flesh and blood available to others? If you think God is calling you to priesthood or to consecrated life, visit our website at www.dcdioocese.org/vocations

August 24 & 25, 2018		LITURGICAL SCHEDULE — August 27 - September 2			
	Father John Forkuoh 385-2212 http://www.stjohnspearville.com	Day	Time	Location	Celebration
Coordinator of Ministries Judy Gleason, 385-2881		Mon.	No Mass		
		Tues.	8:30 a.m.	PV	Edward & Marion Schinstock
		Wed.	8:30 a.m.	PV	Henrietta Klenke
		Thurs.	8:30 a.m.	PV	Gerald Schmidt
		Fri.	8:30 a.m.	PV	Eleanora Linnebur
		Sat.	3:00 p.m.	Church	Confessions
			4:00 p.m.	Church	All Parishioners
		Sun.	8:00 a.m.	Church	Marvin Gleason



MINISTERS FOR September 1 & 2

Servers:	(Sat.) Kolten Bennett, J.J. Chapman (Sun.) Paige Broz, Xavier Calvin, Teaghen Elledge	Keyboard:	(Sat.) Bryce Ackerman (Sun.) Bryce Ackerman
Greeters:	(Sat.) D’Nelle Greenstreet (Sun.) Drew Hubbell	Songleaders:	(Sat.) Rakel Halling (Sun.) Gayla Kirmer
Lectors:	(Sat.) J.T. Horacek (Sun.) LaWana VanNahmen	Ushers:	(Sat.) Steve Ackerman, Cory Ackerman (Sun.) Dennis Schawe, R.J. Meyer
Eucharistic:	(Sat.) Shirley Moritz, Joyce Rogers, Ross Ackerman, John Stegman, Mark Strecker, Jill Vierthaler (Sun.) Tonya Hubbell, Mike Hubbell, Toni Aistrup, Mary Benjamin, Levi Benjamin, LynAnn Bowman	Gifts:	(Sat.) Jim Halling (Sun.) Kevin Stein
		Rosary Leader:	(Sat.) Carolyn Gleason (Sun.) George Heskamp
		Collection:	Jan Rabe
		Collect. Asst.:	Jonita Brack
		Sacristan:	(Sat.) Bonnie Laudick (Sun.) LynAnn Bowman



STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES: August 18 & 19: Collection Total — \$2,477.00.
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PSR: Opening Mass and Enrollment on September 5, at 7 p.m.

August 27 - September 2 Birthdays	
Aug. 27	Jerry Scheve, Hudson Schmidt, Aleah Nickles
Aug. 28	Cindy Hornung, Anna Stein, Hallie Ackerman
Aug. 29	Allison VanNahmen
Sept. 1	Kurt Lampe, Lilly Thomas-Hornung

CEMETERY MOWING: Cemetery mowing will be done Wednesday, August 29, at 6 p.m. April, May and June guilds are asked to help out. Please remove decorations before Wednesday. Guild chairpersons are asked to call their members. Thank you!
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STEWARDSHIPS: August 26, 2018 (21st Sunday in Ordinary Time). In today’s first reading, Joshua challenges the people to decide whom they will serve. Recalling God’s faithfulness to them and to their ancestors, the people declare, “We also will serve the Lord, for he is our God.” May we, too, be mindful of God’s gifts to us and renew our commitment to serve Him with grateful hearts.
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BISHOPS URGE PARTICIPATION IN NOVENA: Each Friday, August 3–September 28, answer the U.S. bishops’ call to pray and fast that a change in the U.S. Supreme Court will move our nation closer to the day when every human being is protected in law and welcomed in life. Join at www.usccb.org/pray!
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MOVIE: On Tuesday September 4, the movie, Wild Strawberries, will be showing at the Heartland Center for Spirituality for the fall series of “Movies with a Message.” Traveling to accept an honorary degree, Professor Isak Borg is forced to face his past, come to terms with his faults, and make peace with the inevitability of his approaching death. Through flashbacks and fantasies, dreams and nightmares, Wild Strawberries dramatizes one man’s remarkable voyage of self-discovery. The movie begins at 6:15 in the Auditorium of the Motherhouse of the Dominican Sisters of Peace. Other movies in the series include: The Flowers of Saint Francis (October 2), Little Women (October 30) and The Man who Invented Christmas (November 30). A free will offering will be accepted to offset the cost of refreshments.
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SEXUAL REVOLUTION-50 YEARS SINCE HUMANA VITAE: You are invited to a rare screening of the new documentary entitled, “Sexual Revolution - 50 Years Since Humanae Vitae.” Screening events will be held around the diocese during October which is “Respect Life” month. Dates & times: Saturday, October 13, 7 p.m., at St. Patrick’s parish center in Great Bend; Sunday, October 14 at 3 p.m., at St. Dominic parish center in Garden City; 7 p.m., at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Dodge City; Monday, October 15, at 7 p.m., at St. Anthony parish center in Liberal. Seven years in the making this documentary seeks to examine the effects of the free-love experiment of the hippie generation and the prophetic encyclical, Humanae Vitae. The centerpiece of the film is the dramatic life story of Alana Newman, a talented secular musician who gives up her entire musical career for life, family and love. Alana shares how through desperation to know her father, she finally discovers the treasures of “Theology of the Body”, “Humanae Vitae”, and the riches of true freedom through a dramatic conversion. This free event is provided by the office of Matrimony, Family Life and Natural Family Planning with coordination of Respect Life/Social justice for the diocese of Dodge City.
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PRO-LIFE WORD OF LIFE FOR AUGUST 19: Never tire of firmly speaking out in defense of life from its conception and do not be deterred from the commitment to defend the dignity of every human person with courageous determination. Christ is with you: be not afraid!” Address of John Paul II to the Bishops and Apostolic Administrators of Albania on their “Ad Limina” Visit, February 3, 2001 © 2001 Libreria Editrice Vaticana. Used with permission. All rights reserved.
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INVITATION TO ADULTS: Adult parishioners are invited to join the senior students in rediscovering the Catholic faith through the Catholicism DVD Series by Bishop Robert Barron.

Bishop Barron created this groundbreaking program as a thematic presentation of what Catholics believe and why, so all adults can come to a deeper understanding of the Catholic Faith. This is a great series for any adults, young adults, parents, or anyone interested in joining the church.

All 22 sessions run in conjunction with the PSR calendar with class times from 7:00-8:00 p.m. For more about this series go to <http://catholicism.wordonfire.org/> No registration needed. Craig Bowman will lead the discussion. First session begins Wednesday, September 12, in the church basement. Come join us.
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#prayfourpriests: If you’re like me, you feel angry, distraught, and downright sickened by the latest church abuse scandal in Pennsylvania. The level of evil that invaded what should be such a sacred office, is absolutely incomprehensible. The victims of such abuse need our fervent prayers, and dare I say, they need our anger, too. Father Mike Schmitz recently posted a video in response to the abuse through Ascension Presents, and in the video says, “Don’t leave the Church when things get tough. LEAD the Church when things get tough.” Let’s use our anger and sadness to lead the Church away from the darkness. We need to expect better and demand better.

I propose we lead this fight by showing our GOOD priests, (who remain the majority), how much we appreciate them and love them. So many faithful and decent men surrender their own lives to live a life being an example of Christ to others. Don’t let this scandal be the reason they withdraw from our youth and hide their FATHERLY affection. I pray the priest that hugs everyone coming in and out of Mass doesn’t stop for fear of condemnation. I pray the priest who allows discerning males to live at the church rent free during the expensive years of college doesn’t stop opening those doors for fear of scrutiny. I pray the priest who loves a pickup game of basketball and kicking around the soccer ball with the community’s kids doesn’t hide his tennis shoes in the back of the closet for fear of misguided judgment. These seem like general examples, but they actually describe priests I know and love. Even our own priest, Father John, graciously accepts the task to lovingly minister to people half a world away from his home and family.

Let’s work to replace the public’s view of the priesthood as something good and holy. Let’s build up the morale of those priests who continue to lead and serve us in Christ’s love. Write an uplifting post on Facebook about a priest who showed you that love. Send him a card to brighten his day. Take him a meal or some baked goodies. I’m not in any way saying we should ignore the ugliness of the sin and abuse, but believe by nurturing the good, we can start repairing the damage.

If you’d like to share a positive memory you have of a good priest in your life, we’d love to publish it in the bulletin in the next few weeks. Please email your stories to ri.jen.schmidt@gmail.com. Most of all, don’t forget to pray for the victims, pray for justice, and #prayfourpriests.